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I would like to take this opportunity to update New Hampshire pharmacists and technicians on the recent progress made pertaining to non-certified pharmacy technician data entry training.

In November 2014, the board approved renewed and updated rules concerning pharmacy technicians. With the 2016 pharmacy technician registration new rules would be in effect concerning data entry training for those technicians who had not achieved national technician certification. Two committees were formed. The first in January 2015 to develop the guidelines required for this training, and a second committee, in September 2015 to review the individual training modules.

At the regular board meeting of April 20th, 2016, the board approved the committee work to date on submitted training modules. Effective April 20th, 2016 non-nationally certified pharmacy technicians must complete a board approved data entry program to be in compliance with ph807.02(d).

Non-Certified technicians will not be allowed to perform prescription data entry functions until a board approved training program has been successfully completed. Inspectors will write a violation for permit holders and technicians found to be performing prescription data entry if they have not completed an approved annual training program by May 15th, 2016.

Reference: ph807.03

(d) "The data entry of prescription orders without supervision providing they annually complete a board approved data entry module."

Reference: ph704.II

(b) "Pharmacist in charge duties shall include":

(10) "Supervising personnel in the prescription department; and"

(11) "Ensuring all personnel involved in the preparation and dispensing of prescriptions are properly licensed or registered with the board"

Any further questions please contact the board office.

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